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REMARKS

Claims 8-20 are pending in the present Application. Claims 8-11, 13-17, and 19 have been canceled without prejudice, and Claims 12 and 18 have been amended, leaving Claims 12, 18, and 20 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a), since the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. More particularly, the Examiner states that the method of assembling an illuminant (Claims 8, 14, and 20) and evaporating the additive material must be shown or the features(s) canceled from the claim(s). Accordingly, corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 8-10, 13-16, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over previously cited Japanese Patent No. JP 20000268774 to Niimi et al. (hereinafter "Niimi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,057,635 to Nishimura. This rejection is moot, as Claims 8-10, 13-16, and 19 have been canceled.

Claims 11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over previously cited Niimi in view of Nishimura, in further view of Kerekcs et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,221,987). This rejection is moot, as Claims 11 and 17 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claims 12, 18 and 20 are novel and non-obvious over the art made of record, and as such are allowable.

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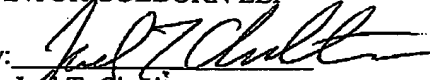
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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